

REMARKS:

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated November 10, 2005, the Examiner objected to the specification for an informality, rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ansel et al. in view of Hseu et al, rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ansel et al. in view of Hseu et al. and further in view of Huang et al, and rejected claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ansel et al. in view of Hseu et al. and further in view of Zhou et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In this amendment, the specification was amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, and claim 1 was amended to include the limitations of original claims 4 and 5. Claims 4-6 were canceled. No new matter was added.

Regarding the 103(a) rejection of original claim 5, amended claim 1, the Examiner referred to Ansel et al, col. 2 lines 20-22 as teaching holding at a temperature of 300 to 800°F, which allegedly overlaps with the temperature range of the claimed invention. This is incorrect. Ansel et al. teach holding at a temperature of 300 to 800°F, 148.89-426.67°C. The claimed invention has an isothermal holding temperature in a range of about 570-580°C, about 1058-1076°F, which is well above the range taught by Ansel. For at least this reason, amended claim 1, as well as its dependents, is patentable over Ansel et al, Hseu et al, Huang et al, and Zhou et al.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060943-0056).

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